

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2806 – SB 2857

March 21, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (014687, 013723): Enacts the “Welfare to Payroll Act.” Directs the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to conduct a study that will assess the feasibility of more work-friendly assistance eligibility benefits requirements in order to increase workforce participation. Requires DHS to report the results of the study, which is currently being conducted, to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and the House Health and Human Resources Committee, on or before July 1, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- The Commissioner will, as required, consult with various state departments and agencies in conducting the study and will particularly attend to reforming current public assistance programs and coordinating income disregard and eligibility across TANF, to encourage work effort on part of welfare recipients and as a means to supplement the income of low-wage employees.
- The study will include a comprehensive review of the entire public assistance program and how work-friendly it is with recipients joining the workforce.
- According to DHS, conducting and reporting the study will not result in a significant fiscal impact on the Department and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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